Expressing support for a national day of mourning in recognition of the lives lost as a result of COVID–19.

Whereas, as of November 13, 2020, more than 243,000 Americans have died as a result of COVID–19;

Whereas, during the week leading up to November 13, 2020, the United States added over 100,000 COVID–19 cases per day;

Whereas millions of Americans have been unable to say goodbye to loved ones or mourn properly as a result of COVID–19, making a collective day of mourning appropriate;
Whereas the COVID–19 pandemic has disproportionately affected minorities in the United States;

Whereas Black Americans are more than 2 times as likely to be diagnosed with COVID–19, more than 3 times as likely to be hospitalized with COVID–19, and more than 2 times as likely to die as a result of COVID–19, when compared to White Americans;

Whereas Latino Americans are more than 3 times as likely to be diagnosed with COVID–19, more than 4 times as likely to be hospitalized with COVID–19, and more than 2 times as likely to die as a result of COVID–19, when compared to White Americans;

Whereas Native Americans are more than 2 times as likely to be diagnosed with COVID–19, more than 5 times as likely to be hospitalized with COVID–19, and 1.4 times as likely to die as a result of COVID–19, when compared to White Americans;

Whereas Asian Americans are 1.1 times as likely to be diagnosed with COVID–19, 2 times as likely to be hospitalized with COVID–19, and 1.8 times as likely to die as a result of COVID–19, when compared to White Americans; and

Whereas January 21, 2021, would be an appropriate date for a national day of mourning in recognition of the lives lost as a result of COVID–19: Now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of a national day of mourning in recognition of the lives lost as a result of COVID–19;
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(2) encourages Americans to observe a moment

of silence on such a day; and

(3) encourages the President to order flags

flown at half staff on such a day.